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of the Medical Officer of Health

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Mr. Chairman, Madames & Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year 1971, the contents of which are in accordance with the regulations of the Ministry of Health.

The table of classification of the causes of death shows diseases of the heart and circulation once again to be the main cause with cancer taking second place.

I would like to record my thanks to the Chairman and members of the Health Committee for their encouragement throughout the year.

To the Heads of Departments I am again obliged for their co-operation at all times. To Mr. J. H. Rhodes, whose report follows mine, I owe an especial debt for his unstinted help in all matters concerning the health of the District.

Finally I wish to thank the two clerical officers, Mr. R. K. Nuttall and Mrs. J. Wilson, who, working in the Area Health Office, have contributed materially to the smooth conduct of affairs.

I am, Madames & Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

T. M. B. ROHAN

Medical Officer of Health.



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TABLE 1

Public Health Officers

Whole Time Officers	Guisborough Urban District	Skelton & Brotton Urban District	Loftus Urban District
Medical Officer of Health who is also Asst. County Medical Officer No. 4 Area N.R.C.C. and School Medical Officer, N.R.C.C.		Dr. T. M. B. Rohan	
Public Health Inspector.	Mr. E. Ward	Mr. J. H. Rhodes	*Mr. W. C. Ran
Additional Public Health Inspectors		Mr. R.M. Chalmers	Mr. W. Murray Mr. A. S. Kirkwood.

* Also Surveyor of the District concerned.

County Public Health Staff attached to the Skelton & Brotton Area

Miss. M. Nuttall	Health Visitor
Miss. B. Bostock	Health Visitor
Miss. L. Sanders	District Nurse/Midwife
Mrs. K. Thirling	District Nurse/Midwife
Mr. R. K. Nuttall	Senior Clerk
Mrs. J. Wilson	Clerk/Typist

Statistics of the Area

Population

The Registrar-General's estimate of the population of the district in the mid-year 1971 is 15,320 as compared to an estimate of the population in the mid-year 1970 of 14,450.

General Statistics

I am indebted to the Financial Officer of the Council for the following figures:-

1.	Area of the District in acres	..	..	..	..	15,419
2.	No. of inhabited houses according to the rate books					5,465
3.	Rateable Value	..	..	..	..	£315,350
4.	Sum represented by a penny rate	..	..	..	..	£3,068

TABLE 2

Vital Statistics

					MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Live Births	175	138	313
Legitimate	164	129	293
Illegitimate	11	9	20
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Still Births	1	3	4
Legitimate	1	3	4
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age

	MALE	FEMALE
Total	1	3
Legitimate	1	3
Illegitimate	-	-

The number of births registered being 313 gives a corrected birth-rate of 22.0 per 1,000 of the population, compared to 16.0 for England and Wales. Four infants under the age of one year died giving an infant mortality rate of 12.8 per 1,000 live births compared to the rate for England and Wales of 17.6.

TABLE 3 - VITAL STATISTICS

Causes of Death	MALE	FEMALE
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	-	-
Tuberculosis Other	-	-
Enteritis & Other Diarrhoeal Diseases	-	1
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm - Stomach	-	2
Malignant Neoplasm - Intestine	4	-
Malignant Neoplasm - Lung, Bronchus	6	1
Malignant Neoplasm - Breast	-	2
Malignant Neoplasm - Uterus	-	1
Other Malignant Neoplasms, etc.	2	9
Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	-	-
Leukemia	-	1
Diabetes mellitus	1	-
Mental Disorders	-	2
Multiple Sclerosis	-	1
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	1	1
Hypertensive Disease	-	1
Ischaemic Heart Disease	28	20
Other Forms of Heart Disease	8	5
Cerebrovascular Disease	11	10
Other Disease of Circulatory System	1	3
Influenza	-	1
Pneumonia	4	1
Bronchitis and Emphysema	3	-
Other disease of Respiratory System	1	1
Cirrhosis of Liver	1	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	2	-
Hyperplasia of Prostate	-	-
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	2	-
Peptic Ulcer	1	-
Diseases of Digestive System	-	2
Intestinal Obstruction & Hernia	-	2
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	-	2
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	-	-
Symptoms & Ill defined conditions	1	2
All other Accidents	2	1
Suicide & Self inflicted injuries.	-	-
	80	74

154 deaths of residents gave a corrected death-rate of 11.5 per 1000 of population compared to 11.6 for England and Wales.

TABLE 4

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES 1971
(other than Tuberculosis)

	All Ages	1 Year	2	3	4	5-	10-	15-	25-	35-	45-	65-	Age Unknown
Scarlet Fever	3	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	14	1	2	-	2	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Infective Hepatitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Typhoid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Poliomyelitis (Paralytic)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Encephalitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Infectious Diseases

Table 4 shows the incidence of notifiable diseases other than tuberculosis.

Tuberculosis

Three cases of respiratory tuberculosis and none of non-respiratory tuberculosis were notified during the year.

There were no deaths from tuberculosis during 1971.

TABLE 5
Immunisation and Vaccination

<u>Immunisation against Diphtheria</u>	<u>UNDER 1</u>	<u>1 to 4</u>	<u>5 to 14</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Completed	222	35	-	257
Reinforcing Doses	-	-	154	154
<u>Immunisation against Whooping Cough</u>		<u>0 to 4</u>	<u>5 to 14</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Completed		257	-	257
<u>Vaccination (Smallpox)</u>	<u>PRIMARY</u>	<u>RE-VACCINATION</u>		
	52	15		
<u>Poliomyelitis Vaccination</u>	<u>PRIMARY</u>	<u>REINFORCING</u>		
	257	174		

The General Provision of Health Services in the District

1. Laboratory Facilities

This work is now done at the Public Health Laboratory, Middlesbrough.

2. National Assistance Act, 1948 and 1951 - Section 47

No action had to be taken under this act.

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT,

COUNCIL OFFICES,

SKELTON-IN-CLEVELAND.

To the Chairman and Members of
Skelton & Brotton Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Madames & Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report to the Council for the year 1971.

A start was made on the clearance of unfit houses in the area when twenty-seven houses in Chapel Street, Brotton, were demolished. This is only a fraction of the 1,100 houses in the area which are unfit and not worthy of improvement. If all these houses are to be cleared within the next ten or twelve years an increased effort by both Councillors and Officials is required. I believe it is generally accepted that many of the people living in these unfit houses wish to remain in their own villages, and I am pleased that the Council are taking steps to obtain planning permission for land at Lingdale. Building land will also be required at Boosbeck and Brotton if this policy is to be pursued.

I wish to express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Council for their encouragement during the year; and to my staff for all their willing help.

Certain information in the report has been kindly provided by your Treasurer and Surveyor.

J. H. RHODES.

Public Health Inspector.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT

A summary of visits made is tabulated below:-

TABLE 6

	No. of Inspections
Dwellinghouses	553
Slaughterhouses	1,107
Factories	7
Food Premises	100
Water Supplies	10
Drainage and Sewerage	28
Pests	535
Infectious Diseases	29
Council house repairs (visits)	699
Offices & shops	38
Miscellaneous.	353
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WATER SUPPLY

With the exception of some outlying farms and cottages water is supplied by the Tees Valley and Cleveland Water Board. Table 7 summarises the position as follows:-

TABLE 7

Number of houses having mains supply in pipes inside	5445
Number of houses supplied by standpipes	-
Number of houses supplied by wells and springs	20

Nine samples of water were taken during the year and submitted for bacteriological examination. Details are given in Table 8.

TABLE 8

Area	No. of Samples	Result	
		Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Skelton	3	3	-
Brotton	2	2	-
Moorsholm	1	1	-
Lingdale	2	2	-
Boosbeck	1	1	-

TABLE 9

CLOSET CONVERSIONS

Number of conversions carried out	..	..	..	..	6
Number of pan closets remaining	..	..	..	..	21

Improvements in respect of eleven of these properties are under consideration.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

A weekly collection of house and trade refuse is maintained throughout the district.

Refuse disposal was by controlled tipping at the Brotton Tip throughout the year.

The time lost during the year in sickness amounted to 164 man/hours. For the financial year ended 31st March, 1972, the cost of the service was estimated at £20,268.

Other details relating to this service were:-

Trade refuse collected:-

Loads	..	..	..	450½
Bins	..	..	..	2847

FACTORIES

Tables 10 and 11 give details of factory inspection work carried out during the year.

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the

Factories Act, 1937

Part I of the Act.

TABLE 10

1. Inspections

	No. on Register	No. of Inspections	No. of Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
1. Factories in which Sections 1 to 6 are enforced.	Nil	-	-	-
2. Factories in which Section 7 is enforced.	17	7	-	-
3. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced.	1	-	-	-
TOTALS	18	7	-	-

TABLE 11

2. Cases where defects were found.

Particulars	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector
Want of Cleanliness	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature ..	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation.. ..	-	-	-	-
Ineffective Drainage of floors	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences				
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-	-	-	-

Part VIII of the Act

Outwork

Sections 133 and 134

There are no outworkers in the area.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The following table shows registrations and general inspections relating to the above Act.

TABLE 13

REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of premises	Total number of registered premises at end of year	Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year.
Offices	2	1
Wholesale shops, warehouses	1	1
Retail Shops	32	30
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens.	4	3
Fuel storage depots	-	-

Housing Appendix - Statistics

1.	<u>Inspection of dwellinghouses during the year.</u>			
1 (a)	Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	.. ..	36
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	.. ..	226
2 (a)	Number of dwellinghouses (included under sub-head (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932	.. ..	0
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	.. ..	0
3.	Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	.. ..	0
4.	Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	..	8	
2.	<u>Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices</u>			
1.	Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit or repaired in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers	.. ..	6
3.	<u>Action under Statutory Powers during the year</u>			
(a)	Proceedings under Section 9 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1957			
(i)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	.. ..	0
(ii)	Number of dwellinghouses rendered fit after service of formal notices			
(a)	By Owners	.. ..	0
(b)	By Local Authority in default of Owners	.. ..	0
(b)	Proceedings under Public Health Acts			
(i)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	.. ..	2
(ii)	Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices			
(a)	By Owners	.. ..	1
(b)	By Local Authority in default of Owners	.. ..	1

Housing Statistics - continued

(c) Proceedings under Section 17, 18, 26, 27 and 28 of the
Housing Act, 1957.

(i)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which demolition Orders were made	0
(ii)	Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	0
(iii)	Number of dwellinghouses subject to undertaking or closing Orders	0
(iv)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the premises having been rendered fit	0

(d) Clearance Areas

(i)	Number of houses included in Clearance Areas	0
(ii)	Number of houses included in Confirmed Clearance Orders	0
(iii)	Number of houses included in Clearance Orders demolished ..	27
(iv)	Number of persons displaced	0
(v)	Number of families displaced	0

4. Housing Act, 1957, Part 4, Overcrowding

(a)	Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year	Not Known
(b)	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during year ..	-

Improvement Grants

Number of Improvement Grants made	..	..	..	..	..	..	35
Number of Improvement Grants refused	..	..	..	..	..	..	-
Number of Standard Grants made	..	..	..	..	..	..	46

New Housing

Number of Council houses erected during year	..	..	..	..	-
Number of Private houses erected during year	..	..	..	..	266

Council Housing

The Council own 917 dwellings and 6 shops as follows:-

	<u>Houses</u>		<u>Bungalows</u>	<u>Flats</u>	<u>Shops</u>
	<u>2-Bed</u>	<u>3-Bed</u>			
Skelton	91	197	138	-	1
Brotton	16	234	54	19	5
Boosbeck	16	92	-	-	-
Lingdale	-	24	36	-	-
	<u>123</u>	<u>547</u>	<u>228</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>6</u>

Rehousing

No. of housing applicants at 31st December 1971	..	..	317
No. of bungalow applicants at 31st December, 1971	..	..	196

Analysis of Waiting List

<u>Accommodation Required</u>	<u>No. of Applicants</u>
Bungalows	196
Houses	
Skelton	190
Lingdale	19
Boosbeck	21
Brotton	43
Hollybush	4
More than one estate	40
	<u>317</u>

FOOD

General

There are 115 food premises in the area, as classified under the Foods and Drugs Act, 1955. The premises are as follows:-

Public Houses	19
Off-Licence Premises	7
Clubs (6 Workingmen's Clubs 4 Institutes)	10
Fish and Chip Shops	10
Grocers, Confectioners, General Dealers	63
Bakehouses	5
Ice Cream Retailers	62
Butchers	9
Greengrocers	2
Cafes and Canteens	4

100 visits were made to various food premises.

Milk

The Council are responsible for milk registration as shown in Table 15 and for retail milk sampling.

TABLE 15

Milk Registrations

Number of Milk Distributors registered	12
Number of Dairy Premises registered	8

Milk Supplies - Brucella Abortus

(i) Number of samples of raw milk examined	10
(ii) Number of positive samples found	2

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

There are three private slaughterhouses which are licensed by the Council. One slaughterhouse is being used for the slaughter of animals for sale outside the area in addition to local trade.

The number of animals slaughtered in the area was 16,206 as compared with 13,889 in 1970 and 10,667 in 1969. 1,107 visits were made for meat inspection purposes including regular Sunday visits.

The income for the year from meat inspection charges amounted to £804.97.

There are 7 licensed slaughtermen in the district.

Other Foods Condemned

	<u>lbs.</u>	<u>Ozs</u>
1 tin of Cooked Ham	8	
1 tin Ox Tongues	3	
11 tins Blackcurrent Pie Filling	7	9
1 tin Tomatoes		14
2 tins Tomatoes	1	
1 tin Peaches	1	14
1 tin Carrots		10
1 tin Peas		10
1 tin Broad Bean		10
1 tin Garden Peas		5
1 tin Peaches		15
4 tins Morton Blackcurrent Pie Filling	3	9
1 tin Fray Bentos Braised Steak		7½
1 tin Tomatoes		8
1 tin Sava Cooked Ham	5	
1 tin Sava Cooked Ham	11	
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	45	15½
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TABLE 16

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part

	Cattle exclud- ing Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	2425 2425	130 130	25 25	9496 9496	4130 4130	- -
All diseases except Tuberculosis & Cysticerci Whole carcasses condemned.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	94	1	-	29	61	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis and Cysticerci.	3.87%	0.76%	-	0.3%	1.4%	
Tuberculosis only: Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	5	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	0.12%	
Cysticercosis Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	2	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	2	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned.	-	-	-	-	-	-

TABLE 17

FRESH MEAT CONDEMNATIONS DURING 1971.

Reason for Condemnation	BEASTS		COWS		SHEEP		PIGS		TOTAL
	Carcase lb.	Offal lb.	Carcase lb.	Offal lb.	Carcase lb.	Offal lb.	Carcase lb.	Offal lb.	
C. Bovis	60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	60
Abcesses	-	785	-	-	-	4	-	-	789
Arthritis	-	-	-	-	6	-	7	-	13
Milk Spots	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3
Pyelonephritis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Parasites	-	415	-	-	-	220	-	389	1024
Bact. Necrosis	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	16
Cirrhosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	8
Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	44	-	44
Angioma	-	164	-	-	-	-	-	-	164
Septic pericarditis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Actinomycosis	58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	58
Miscellaneous	28	6	-	15	-	-	25	19	93
Total	146	1386	-	15	6	224	76	419	2272
Submitted for treatment by refrigeration.	749	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	749

Adulteration

The Chief County Health Inspector reports that 20 samples of foods of various descriptions were taken in the Urban District and all proved to be satisfactory.

CLEAN AIR

No action was necessary.

RODENT CONTROL

The Council's sewers were treated twice and only light infestations were found in a few areas. The Council's tips were kept under constant supervision and minor infestations dealt with on several occasions.

"Warfarin" and "Alphakil" have been used to treat all infestations during 1971.

There are 35 farms and 6 business premises in the Rodent Control Contract scheme.

Details of work done are set out below:-

Properties Treated

	<u>Rats</u>	<u>Mice</u>
Domestic Premises	95	165
Business Premises	45	59
Farms	100	32
Building Sites	6	6
Schools	-	23

DISINFESTATIONS

Two infestations were dealt with during the year.

CARAVAN SITES

There is one licensed site in operation, and two licences for individual caravans.

KNACKER'S YARD

The Knacker's Yard at Charltons was again licensed and periodical visits were made.

SCRAP METAL DEALERS

There are 7 persons registered as Scrap Metal Dealers under the Scrap Metal Dealers Act, 1964.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963.

Premises at Moorsholm Mill, Moorsholm, are licensed under this Act.

